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~~Abstract~~ ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a mobile communication device ~~having~~having a keyboard and a method for controlling the operation of ~~a~~the keyboard of such a mobile communication device. The keyboard provides a QWERTY styled layout including a keypad similar to a ITU-T keypad.

Applications executed on the mobile communication device are adapted to switch an operation mode of the keyboard such that in accordance with a certain expected information input, different assignments of the keys of the keyboard are active. The keyboard operation modes improve the usability of the keyboard and allow ~~to reduce~~ the number of total keys for operating the mobile communication device to be reduced resulting in lowered ~~costs of the manufacturer~~cost of manufacture.

(Fig. 1)